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## **GMHA Acquires Implantable Cardiac Defibrillators for the First Time on Guam**

(Tamuning, Guam; March 17, 2026) — The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) announces the arrival of Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICDs), marking a significant advancement in life-saving cardiac care available on Guam.

Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators are specialized devices designed to monitor heart rhythms and deliver therapy when life-threatening arrhythmias occur. These devices can quickly detect dangerous heart rhythms and deliver electrical therapy to restore a normal heartbeat, helping prevent sudden cardiac death.

With the availability of ICD technology at GMHA, many patients who previously required off-island referral for ICD implantation may now be able to receive this critical treatment locally. This advancement improves access to care, reduces the burden of travel for patients and families, and allows individuals to receive specialized cardiac treatment closer to home.

“The arrival of Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators at GMHA is a major step forward for cardiac care on Guam,” said GMHA Interim Hospital Administrator and CEO Dr. Joleen M. Aguon. “These devices save lives, and patients who once had to travel off island for this treatment can now receive it right here at GMHA.”

“Our administration remains committed to strengthening healthcare services on Guam and expanding access to advanced medical technology for our community,” said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. “The availability of Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators at GMHA represents an important step forward in ensuring that patients can receive critical cardiac care here at home.”

“This advancement reflects the continued progress being made to improve healthcare services on our island,” added Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio. “Providing access to life-saving technologies like ICDs at GMHA means patients and families can receive specialized treatment without the added hardship of traveling off island.”





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Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators are commonly used for patients who have experienced serious heart rhythm disturbances or who are at high risk for sudden cardiac arrest. The devices continuously monitor the heart and can automatically deliver therapy if a dangerous rhythm is detected.

The addition of this technology reflects GMHA's ongoing commitment to expanding advanced medical services on island and ensuring the people of Guam have access to critical, life-saving care without having to travel far from home.

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